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For : INTERNET FACSIMILE APPARATUS AND E-MAIL RECEIVING
METHOD



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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant herewith calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of an European Search Report dated November 30, 2000 with respect to related European application No. EP 00114412.0 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

U.S. Patent No. 5,859,967 to KAUFELD et al., entitled "Method and System for Relaying Communications From Authorized Users", which issued on January 12, 1999.

Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "X" document (indicating a document of particular relevance) with respect to claims 3, 7, 10, and 14 of the European application. The Examiner indicated that the Abstract; column 2, line 23 through line 33; column 5, line 38 through line 43; column 7, line 66 through column 7, line 4; and figures 4 and 6 are relevant;

U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233 to TOYODA et al., entitled "Facsimile Mail Apparatus", which issued March 9, 1999. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a

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category "D" cited (indicating a document cited in the application) and as a category "A" document (indicating the state of art) with respect to claims 1-14 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract as being relevant. Applicant notes that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 6, 2000, and therefore, another copy of this document is not submitted herewith;

European Patent Application No. EP 0 893 897 to SEKIGUCHI, entitled "Communication Device for Information Exchange Between a Facsimile Machine and an Electronic Information System Such as an E-mail System", which was published January 27, 1999. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "A" document with respect to claims 1-14 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract; column 12, line 33 through line 54; and column 13, line 45 through line 54 as being relevant; and

Patent Abstracts of Japan, vol. 1999, no. 02, February 26, 1999, to SAWADA, entitled "Electronic Mail Transmission Control Method", which was published November 17, 1998, along with Japanese document HEI 10-307769. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "A" document with respect to claims 1-14 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract as being relevant.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider and cite the above-mentioned documents. Copies of these documents are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicant with the next official

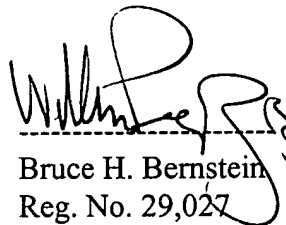
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communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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